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November 9, 2023

Randy Frazer – City Manager
City of Arkansas City, Kansas
118 W. Central Ave
Arkansas City, KS 67005

RE: Appointment of representative to Cowley County Joint Board of Health

Dear Randy,

Earlier this year the death of Mary Benton created a vacancy on the Joint Board of Health (JBOH).

Recently, I was contacted by a resident of Arkansas City that has both the requisite medical background and desire to serve her community.

Joyce Jordan has submitted to the Health Department a request for appointment to the JBOH, which is included with this letter. Joyce has attended a meeting of the JBOH and the JBOH believes that she would be a professional representative for the community and valued addition to the body. If appointed there would be a total of 3 Arkansas City representatives on the governing body.

Mary Benton's term was set to expire at the end of this year, and while I know I will never meet another person as dedicated to local public health and the City of Arkansas City as she was, I am pleased to find someone as qualified as Joyce willing to serve.

On her behalf, I am respectfully submitting her name for consideration to you for presentation to the City Commission of Arkansas City requesting that she be appointed to a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2024.

Joyce's contact information is as follows:

Joyce Jordan
521 N 2nd
Arkansas City, KS 67005
620-660-3906
Joycejordan225@gmail.com

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Langer".

Thomas Langer, MPA
Cowley County Public Health Officer
City-Cowley County Health Department

October 5, 2023

To Thomas Langer:
Cowley County Public Health Officer
Health Department Administrator

My name is Joyce Jordan. I am a retired registered nurse and have been a resident of Arkansas City, KS for 20 years. I am requesting to serve on the Cowley County Board of Health representing Arkansas City.

My past work experience includes working as a registered nurse for a private pediatrician in Washington, D.C, a private pediatric practice on Hilton Head Island, SC, 7 ½ years at a pediatric clinic in Columbia, SC with 16 providers, and 13 years as a school nurse in South Haven, KS.

At the pediatric clinic in Columbia, SC, I served as head nurse for 4 of those years. My husband and I moved to Arkansas City in 2003. After moving here, I worked as the school nurse for USD 509 in South Haven for 13 years. This school has grades PreK through 12th grade which meant I dealt with health issues across a wide age range. During my years working there, I worked closely with Sumner County Health Department coordinating vaccine clinics and assessing student immunization needs.

At the pediatric practice where I worked at in Columbia, SC, 75% of our patient population were Medicaid recipients so I am familiar with many aspects of working with different socioeconomic groups of people. While working for that practice, I also completed training to become an independent EPSDT screener and worked closely with the Columbia Health Department.

In the past, I have served on advisory boards for the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity in Arkansas City.

Although I am now retired from working professionally as a registered nurse, I still have a deep interest in public health issues and would like the privilege to serve as a member of the Cowley County Board of Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Jordan RN". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Joyce Jordan, RN